

Parks

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Known as "Baseball Capital of the World"

Parks

Lawson Park

Home of Mattoon Bambino Leagues

Located on the southeast part of Mattoon, just off of Marshall Avenue on S. 13th St., Lawson Park was chosen to host the first ever Cal Ripken World Series August 19-27, 2000. On July 6th, 1999 at a press conference held at Oriole Park at Camden Yards, the Babe Ruth League president announced the renaming of its youth baseball 12 and under division from the Bambino Division to the Cal Ripken Baseball Division. Lawson Park also had the honor of hosting the first ever 11-12 Year Old Bambino World Series, August 14-21, 1999. This tournament marked the 30th anniversary of Mattoon hosting our first Babe Ruth World Series.

Peterson Park

Located on the northeast side of Mattoon at 500 Broadway, Peterson Park is just one block north of Illinois Route 16. Grimes Field was the home to the 1969 Babe Ruth World Series for 15 year olds. This was followed up with a Tournament of Champions for 16-18 year olds in 1974. Peterson Park is the new home to the [Bagelfest](#), which is held annually in July. Peterson Park is also home to the area's largest Holiday Lightworks Display which runs from the weekend prior to Thanksgiving until after Christmas.

Little Kinzel Park

Located in the southwest part of Mattoon at 28th and Marion.

Vanlaningham Park

Located in the northwest part of Mattoon at the end of north 29th/30th Street.

Cunningham Park

Located in the north central part of Mattoon at 12th and Champaign, this park was adjacent for many years to Washington Elementary School, which was torn down in July 2004.

Walking and Riding

The City of Mattoon has a bicycle and walking path beginning at 10th and Richmond. Following a former train track bed, It starts at the boy's baseball complex and runs east all the way to the City of Charleston.

Ball Diamonds**Grimes Field**

Located at Peterson Park, 500 Broadway.

If you are interested in posting advertising signs at the park, please call 234-3611.

Graham Field

Located at Lawson Park, 13th & Marshall.

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Mattoon Junior Baseball League (Boys Complex)

Located at 10th and Richmond

Roundhouse Complex (Girls Complex)

Located at 6th and Shelby

Kinzel Field

Located at 22nd and Marion

T-Ball Field

The new complex, opened May 27th, 2006 is located at 3rd & Shelby.

League Website Links

Recreational sports in Mattoon are managed by the individual leagues, independent of the City of Mattoon. The following are shortcuts to each league's website where you can learn more.

[Mattoon Junior Baseball League](#)

[Mattoon Girls Softball Association](#)

[Mattoon Pride Softball](#)

[Mattoon COBRA Softball](#)

Football Fields

Mattoon Junior Football Field

Located at 6th St. & Shelby Ave. For more information on Mattoon Football, visit [MattoonFootball.com](#)